

To Whom It May Concern:

I am a broadband user, and have been for quite some time. I'm concerned that forcing broadband companies into paying into this universal fund will cause higher rates not only to me, but to all broadband users. On an individual level, this may not seem to be very important, but on a national level, it is.

Only a small percentage of computer users who currently access the internet do so via a broadband connection. My personal experience is that most people, when asked, cite expense as the primary factor in not having a broadband connection. As a country, we should be encouraging broadband access instead of finding ways to make it more expensive and thereby keeping even more people from using it.

It seems incredible that while the various technologies in this country are moving more and more toward the use of broadband that government agencies are looking at place more barriers in front of people interested in using those technologies.

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